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WOOD ON ALASKAN ISLAND.

Possibility of Creating Forests in the Alaskan Chain.

Unalaska is, says the New York Tribune, one of the islands which reach out southwestwardly in a long line from Alaska. They are practically uninhabited, and scarcely a tree can be found on any of them. Such wood as is used there, aside from the driftwood picked up by the natives, comes from San Francisco, and the freight charges make it expensive. So it is used for building huts and sea lion skins to cover boats. All possible materials are resorted to in order to provide substitutes for that useful material.

On Unalaska, in a sheltered cove near Dutch Harbor, there is a clump of small Sitka spruces, probably planted by a Russian missionary since the island was made a trading port in 1805. These few trees, six or eight in number, do not look thrifty, and it is impossible to tell how many others have perished and disappeared from the island. On the other hand, it is known how much more vigorous the growth would have been if the trees had been well cared for.

A plentiful supply of native wood would be of value in case these islands became stopping places for transatlantic steamships. With that and other possibilities in view, well known experts have been discussing the expediency of tree-planting, not only on Unalaska, but also on neighboring islands. Henry Gannett, geographer of the geological survey, can see no good reason why trees should not thrive there. The climate is scarcely more severe than at Sitka, and there is plenty of rain. Sunshine is scarce, but the Sitka spruce does not require much of that. The winds are often high, but the same conditions prevail on other coastwise forested islands.

An encouraging fact is that other vegetation on the Alaskan Islands is such, says a writer in Forestry and Irrigation, "Grasses and wild grains grow with fabulous luxuriance to remarkable heights, and some vegetables may be raised. Even on the Pribilof Islands, some 200 miles to the north, the ground is matted with the creeping arctic willow and gladiolus with yellow peeples and blue lupine; turnips and quick maturing vegetables can be grown, and from the presence of white men there, almost from their discovery, it would seem that some attempt might have been made toward having a tree or two for the sake of mere company."

KEEP IN THE FRESH AIR.

Retain Your Health by Getting Out Into the Sunshine.

Artificial heat will keep people from freezing, but there is no life in it. Warmth that comes from the sun has life in it, vitality, magnetism, electricity. Sprinkling the lawn will keep the grass from dying. Indeed, the lawn can be kept fairly green and vigorous by repeated sprinklings. But one shower of rain is worth more to the lawn than days and weeks of sprinkling.

It is just so with the heat that comes from the sun. It will keep a person from freezing; indeed, some people will thrive fairly well without any other form of heat, but as a rule sun heat is necessary to health. The sun does more than elevate the temperature. It brings to the body vitalizing agents that cannot be produced by artificial means, says the Scotsman.

When a person is well he generally gets, in the pressure of business, enough of the direct rays of the sun to keep him well. As soon as a person gets sick he is shut up and kept carefully away from sunlight. This is very wrong. The sicker a person gets the more he is in need of sunshine.

If sunshine and fresh air are necessary for the well, they are doubly necessary for the sick. Sanitariums and seaside resorts get the credit of making a great many cures that are simply due to sunshine. People going to these places spend more time than usual out of doors. They get well. They attribute the cure to the place rather than to the sun. Had they while at home spent the same amount of time outdoors they would probably have gotten the same result.

Let every friend of the Kicker act as its agent and send in one or more new subscribers. Put it into the home of every producer.

SWAMP WATER.

Eloquent Tribute to Virtues of the Brown Fluid.

Here under the pines and hemlocks glides an amber-brown brook, stained by the vegetable juices of deep swamps and decomposing layers of forest mold. Dip up some of the water in a glass, says What-to-Eat, and it is like clear old wine, whose last lees settled to the bottom half a century ago. There is no taint of impurity in the darkness of its coloring. Not even the crystal mountain stream slipping down over granite ledges and white sand is purer than this brown, wine-like water. Nature has filtered it, and turned it over and over beneath the sun and wind and rain, until it is as clear and innocent as the air of the wilderness. Even where the sun breaks through and turns its tide to transparent old gold you may kneel and look in vain for any floating particle of impurity. Drink of it with delight and without fear. It is the tonic wild water of the woods. There is virtue in every drop.

How often have I fed, without knowing it, the best for the water of the wilderness, thirsting for a taste of this primitive medicine distilled in the ancient laboratories of the swamps! I have come, clothed with all the unwholesome accumulations of the accursed civilized community—with rich and abundant food, with cloying luxuries, with confined, polluted, germ-laden air. I have come with the stagnant blood of the sedentary worker, with a liver heavy and inert as lead, brain clouded and stupefied, and plunged my lips deep into this wild water, like a parched and hunted deer, and with that draught refreshed and renewed myself as from the fountain of eternal youth. Within a week my whole system has become purged and cleansed and tuned up to the key of happy living again. Ah! this wonder-working medicine of the woods, this tonic cordial prescribed by primitive instinct, and poured forth without money and without price in the great pharmacy of the wilderness!

RACING WITH PARE FEET.

Curious Story Related to a Paris Police Commissary.

Very curious is a story which is related of a race that was improvised recently, with the result that the competitors have had good reason to rue the gullibility which they had evinced on this occasion, says a Paris correspondent of the London Telegraph. A party of men were refreshing themselves at a bar when the conversation turned on the interesting subject of athletic sports. They had been discussing various record performances when one of their number delivered himself of the opinion that a race with bare feet was about the most trying of all. The others having contended that, on the contrary, it was by no means a difficult matter to run under such conditions, the individual who had started the argument offered to back it with a round sum of money. The bet was accepted without a moment's hesitation, and a course terminating at the Place de la Bastille having been agreed upon, the whole party proceeded to divest themselves of their boots, which were deposited in a convenient nook, and the signal having been given, off they went as fast as they could go. One competitor lagged behind, and this was the man who had maintained that to run barefoot was no easy undertaking, but as the others looked behind them and noticed that he was already limping they only laughed. When, however, the race over, they returned to the spot where they had left their boots they soon realized that the situation was no subject for mirth, as the shoes had disappeared, and with them the individual who had started the whole affair. The surprise of the police commissary of the district when he received the visit of the party who had called on him to lodge a formal complaint may readily be imagined.

Bill.

It is sometimes easier to meet a bill than to dodge it.—Chicago Daily News.

No Exception to Rule.

Even a first mortgage isn't always satisfied.—Chicago Daily News.

Blind to X-Rays.

One person in 800, it is said, is blind to the X-rays—that is, when looking through the fluoroscope they cannot see the bones of the hand, coins in a book, etc.



The Situation in Missouri.—By Courtesy of the St. Louis Chronicle

FROM COMMERCE.

One more bird has "died" this week. Chas. Heuchan, whom you all do know to be a modest young man, quietly stole away to Keosauqua on the 25th ult., and on arrival of Saturday's boat before anybody was on to the fact, Charley was introducing a new Mrs. H. to his friends. And so the world turns on its "axes," and all mankind turns with it. Heads or tails. Live, make love and pay your taxes, and as the varying shifts, shift your souls. First seek ye the hand of lady fair and then other things will be added. Here's our 25¢, Charley.

The str. Memphis dropped in to our wharf Tuesday and took on board a quantity of wheat for mills up the Tennessee river. A party of excursionists making the trip were evidently out for a good time. Our youngsters took advantage of the opportunity, and engaged in "similar contortions" during the boat's stay.

The value of real estate on Water street is on the decline. Everybody wants to get away from the cars. Aside from the danger, the annoyance of having to wait ten or fifteen minutes to get across the track is something to be avoided.

Rev. Burton filled the pulpit for Bro. Rogers here Sunday with credit to himself and satisfaction to the congregation. All were well pleased.

J. B. Torbert has gone to the World's Fair, and to buy things. Sam Clymer will smile on customers in his absence.

A. N. Ireland and family will move to St. Louis to live the last of this week.

We are all "dryin' up."

Do you know that the Great Bargain store carries the largest and best line of dry goods, clothing and shoes to be found hereabouts?
C. BANK, Oran.

FROM MORLEY.

Dick Atchison, who was hit by a freight train last week, died Thursday and was buried Friday. He left a wife and eight children, to mourn his loss. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family. Dick was liked by all who knew him, and all regret the accident, but God's will be done.

L. L. Hunter, J. M. Adams, R. W. Modglin, Doc Smith and Joe Morris are fishing on Little River this week.

A social was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bryans Monday night and a nice time was reported.

Miss Jessie Reville passed through Morley Saturday on route for Benton, where she will teach this year.

Wanda Anderson was here Monday looking as if he would like to go to Arkansas, but went home.

Lorain Tomlinson and Robert Leslie left last Friday for Columbia to enter school.

Miss Nora King, of Latocville, was here Saturday attending teachers' examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale returned on Monday from a visit in Illinois.

Miss Hattie Harris, of Sikeston, was in Morley a while Saturday.

Miss Stella Harris visited her sister, Mrs. Williams, Sunday.

Mrs. B. Mayes, of Vanduser, was in Morley shopping last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan spent Sunday with friends in the country.

Miss Jennie Clemson was in Morley a few hours Sunday.

Roy Compton left Tuesday to attend school at Jackson.

Miss Amanda Boyce is on the sick list this week.

Cyrus Shole was in Sikeston last Sunday.

Take the Kicker.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

County court met Monday as a Board of Equalization on merchants' licenses and made three small raises. Tuesday the court met in called session and granted a dramshop license to J. M. Galloway at Sikeston. A delegation of Sikeston ladies remonstrated, but the remonstrance failed on a technicality.

Harry Morse, the cattle lifter, who broke jail here in the winter of 1898, 1899, was arrested Saturday at Sikeston, where, notwithstanding he had been warned to keep out of Scott county, he gave his talk on "Prison Life." He boasted by his talk \$17.20, we are told—but he is it jail.

FOR SALE—On account of sickness I want to sell my butcher outfit complete—tools and new feedbox large enough for large beef. Tools only a month in use. \$25 buys the outfit. Call or write G. W. Arnold, Commerce, Mo.

There isn't least one advantage in living in Benton. The postage in the streets is fairly good for dry weather. The grass does not grow in the streets of every town—especially after grass has been put on.

Rev. J. P. McDermott will preach at Moore's chapel Monday night the 14th and every night during the week. Everybody invited.

County Surveyor Warner left Tuesday for Dayton, Ohio, where he will spend the balance of the month with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Andy Fomes returned Wednesday from the Cape, where she had returned her two daughters to the convent school.

Cramick's school at Vanduser was burglarized Friday night and the thief is in Benton jail.

Willie Hunter returned to the university at Columbia Friday of last week. Dr. Vorbeck, of Keosauqua, had business in Benton last Friday.

FROM ORAN.

Shawnee Creek Herd of pure bred Poland-China and Berkshire swine has a choice lot of pigs from May and June farrow. On receipt of \$12.50 with order I will deliver a pig of either sex at Oran, Scott county, Mo., September 25th. I will accept \$40 for the sire of these Poland-China pigs; he is grandson of Chief Tecumseh 2d. My Berkshire pigs are grandsons and daughters of Triumph, a prize-winner at the St. Louis and Illinois State Fairs. Have two choice graded Shorthorn cows and heifers, also a bull calf whose season cost \$5. These are show prospects and the cows and heifers are bred to the great breeding bull, 1st Duke of Maple Grove, No. 172,442, bred by J. M. Freeman, Cooper county, Mo. Those wanting pigs at these figures must send their order in by September 25. Correspondence promptly answered.
GEORGE E. SKIBERT,
New Wells, Mo.

The charitable in St. Louis are in a condition described by visitors as "horrible." The officials are greatly shocked, of course—not at the facts, which they knew, or were paid to know all the time, but at the publication of the facts. There is work for a dozen Joe Folks in St. Louis alone. Mr. Hughes has opened up a nice stock of groceries and hardware in Dr. Harris' store building.

Hinkle & Clitty have their new fall millinery goods, and are buying their autumn stock of dry goods.

John Barnes' new residence is nearing completion, and is quite an ornament to the town.

Mrs. Susan Harris, of Cape Girardeau, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell.

Business is good all around. People for miles and miles come to trade at Oran.

Emory & Heisserer seem to be doing very well in their new quarters. Misses Tomlinson and Shoub spent a few hours in town Monday.

Mrs. Hinkle and Miss Verdie Tuck returned from St. Louis Saturday. Miss Stella Evans visited Miss Jennie Clemson, Sunday.

The public school opened with a large attendance.

M. Wheeler is in St. Louis this week buying his fall stock.

A. J. Matthews paid our burg a visit last week.

There is talk of another new brick building.

Beach Myers was on our streets last week.

Miss Lizzie Canadian visited Keosauqua last week.

FROM GRAYSBORO.

B. C. Manor, James Redding and Geo. Hawkins went to the Cape last week to see the doctor. George had been very sick and is so still, but the others are getting along nicely.

There was a flounder brought here Sunday, but nothing was found on him by which he could be identified. The coroner ordered him buried.

The Methodists will hold Quarter Meeting here Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Dr. North will preach. All are invited.

Mrs. Emma Farnsworth, of Villa Ridge, Ill., returned home Sunday, after spending a few days with her sister, Annie Hawkins.

P. Pate is building a large barn on one end of his lot and will build a large dwelling on Front St.

There is a fever here they call Sior Bill fever, and if you take you will think you will die.

Grandpa Kneezel has been quite sick for some days, but is getting better now.

Mrs. Dora Welsh was in town last Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Andy Calbert brought up a load of melons Sunday and sold out by noon.

John Utange was seen in our town Sunday.

FROM MACEDONIA.

The ice cream supper at William Spradlin's was well attended. Ask Lydia Will and the other girl if they enjoyed themselves. We think they did.

A neighbor here while clearing out a fence corner, encountered a copperhead snake the other day, but only his pants were bitten.

Miss Belle Matthews had the misfortune to lose her \$15 ring at Keosauqua, please return to her.

Misses Edna Williams, Grace Miller and Addie and Mary Sanders were out driving Sunday.

Miss Irene Spradlin has bought a new organ, and you can hear music there at any time now.

Try one of Wm. Spradlin's carpet stretchers. They make carpet laying good fun.

Wm. Uelsman has pulled in his clover huller after a successful season.

Grace Miller, of Commerce, is visiting friends here.

Arthur Joyce has bought a new buggy horse.

Vanduser items too late this week.

FROM KEISO.

Wm. Unerstall and Andy Heisserer sustained painful injuries as the result of too much beer on picnic day. John Robert, son of Chas. Robert, of Cape Girardeau, struck Mr. Unerstall in the forehead with a brick, causing an ugly wound which, for a time, was regarded as dangerous. Alex. Burger, son of Anton Burger, and Andy Heisserer, son of Charles Heisserer, also got into a row, with the result that young Heisserer was considerably cut about the head and face with a knife, and had his nose broken. Robert paid a fine for assault, but we hear that he will have to face a suit for damages.

"Anell" is the name of the new town laid off at the depot. Matt Thomas and Joe Dumeay have already bought lots and say they intend to build business houses. Albert Schuetz will lay off a town site about a mile east.

Go to the Great Bargain Store where you will find the largest line of dry goods, clothing and shoes at the lowest price. C. BANK, Oran.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clemence Westrich on the 28th ult. Leo Westrich and Miss Helena Hamm stood sponsors at the baptismal font.

Dr. and Mrs. Williams are visiting in Advance. The doctor will move his family to the Cape, but will remain with us himself to minister to our ills.

A full-blooded Herford bull for sale. Three years old and weighs 1,400 pounds. Apply to EWALT HAMM, New Hamburg.

Mrs. Seyer and family of boys will move to St. Louis, where the boys will work in factories.

Fred Logel and Gus Boyer have gone to St. Louis in search of employment.

Dr. Blackmore spent a few hours with Dr. Vorbeck and family Sunday.

T. J. Elbert has pulled up stakes and gone home during the hot spell.

Leo Diebold is hauling clover in the swamp.

FROM BLODGETT.

Jacob Sparks will start next week for Howell county, where he has bought a farm. We hope you will like the hills, Uncle Jake, but we regret very much to give you up.

F. F. Hardin, foreman in the dry goods department of B. F. Marshall's store, goes to Texas to manage a Jew store. We wish him success.

Joe Mackley has bought out the Callan restaurant. You won't find it like raising melons, Uncle Joe.

The young folks went out hayriding Monday night, and report a fine time.

News is very scarce in our little town this week.

FROM CARY.

The latest for a young man is to lay his bouquet on the gatepost of his girl's-grilly? That is in Blodgett, however.

Mrs. Murrell has gone to St. Louis to her sister's. Miss Lulu visited Miss Girtha Umage Sunday.

Ed Channing, who fell from his wagon and burst his kneecap, is up with seven stitches in his leg.

Mrs. Adams and mother visited at W. G. Bryant's Tuesday.

Joe Utange and wife went to St. Louis by boat Tuesday.

Hob Snowden and wife have gone to housekeeping here.

Mrs. Lynch visited her son Saturday and Sunday.

The store here draws custom from near and far.

FROM ROCK VIEW.

While digging away a lot of loose dirt down at the quarry the other day, they found between some rocks five skeletons. They seemed to be those of a man, a woman and three children. They also found the skeleton of a dog and a day or two later an earring and gold finger ring. By what catastrophe had those poor people been overtaken?

Say, boys, if you will all read the Kicker, by next election day you will scratch your heads and hesitate as to voting, straight.

You can buy goods at 25 per cent less at the Great Bargain Store than anywhere else in Scott county.

C. BANK, Oran.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the Keosauqua picnic, and all reported a good time.

Luna Jones and family visited F. J. Amrhein at Bleda on Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Schumer of Graysboro was here a few days this week.

Joe Belk has gone to the hospital at Tyler, Texas.

Frank Feldon made a trip to the Cape Monday.

Mrs. Kinder is no better, we are sorry to say.

Joe Wilt and family are on the sick list this week.

Drouth was with us!

And while it is fortunate that the season's crop is "made," yet it is to the interest of every farmer to make every dollar go as far as it will. I have no Special Leaders to draw trade.

All my Goods are Leaders

For cash across the counter. Note these prices:

50 cents will buy a 24 lb. sack of Straight Patent Flour.
55 cents will buy a 24 lb. sack of Highest Patent Flour.
\$1.10 will buy a 48 lb. sack of highest Patent Flour.
\$1.00 will buy a 48 lb. sack of straight Patent Flour.
Barrel of Best Grades Flour, \$3.90 and \$4.30.
8½ cents to 13 cents will buy a pound of smoked meat.
And for a purchase of 50 pounds or more, ½ cent less.
Kettle-Rendered Leaf Lard at 11 cents per pound.
\$1.25 buys 100 lbs. Chops. 90c. buys 100 lbs. Mill Feed.

And Everything else Proportionately Cheap!

I want your trade and will make it pleasant for you when you come to my store. Truly, Yours,

B. S. Curd, Morley.